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SWATOW-CLASS PGM
HA NOI, NORTH VIETNAM
2103N 10551E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS TWO SWATOW-CLASS MOTOR GUNBOATS NEAR
HA NOI.

2. LOCATION:

THE BOATS ARE LOCATED 2.2 NM NORTH OF HA NOI ON THE NORTHEAST BANK
OF THE RED RIVER AT UTMS WJ897283 AND WJ900280.

3. COLLATERAL:

EXPLOITATION OF RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHY OF MAY 1966 REVEALED
TWO DESTROYED NORTH VIETNAMESE PROBABLE SWATOW-CLASS MOTOR GUNBOATS.
BOTH WERE BURNED DOWN TO THE WATER LINE, REVEALING THE INTERNAL
ENGINEERING COMPONENTS. MOST SIGNIFICANT ON THIS PHOTOGRAPHY WAS THE
FACT THAT EACH GUNBOAT HAD ONLY TWO MAIN ENGINES.

PRESENT ENGINEERING ESTIMATES OF THESE CHINESE COMMUNIST-BUILT
UNITS INDICATE THAT THEY CARRY FOUR M50-F4 SUPERCHARGED DIESEL ENGINES
AS THE MAIN PROPULSION SYSTEM. THIS ESTIMATE IS BASED ON THE SOVIET
P-6 CLASS TORPEDO BOAT ENGINEERING PLANT. THE SWATOW-CLASS IS A CHINESE
MODIFICATION OF THE P-6 HULL DESIGN WITH TORPEDO TUBES REMOVED AND 37MM
GUNS AND NEW SUPERSTRUCTURE ADDED.

THIS WAS THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE THAT THE SWATOW-CLASS

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PGM MAY CARRY ONLY TWO MAIN ENGINES. ALTHOUGH THIS PHOTOGRAPHY IS NOT CONSIDERED CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT ALL SWATOW-CLASS PGMS HAVE ONLY TWO MAIN ENGINES, AT LEAST SOME OF THE UNITS DELIVERED TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE NAVY ARE SO EQUIPPED.

4. MISSION READOUT:

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[REDACTED] REVEALS TWO SWATOW-CLASS PGMS ANCHORED ON THE NORTHEAST BANK OF THE RED RIVER. THE BOW AND STERN OF EACH GUNBOAT ARE CANVAS-COVERED. PERSONNEL ARE OBSERVED ON EACH BOAT.

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ALL UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L701, SHEET 6174 II.

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